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IN REPLY REFER TO

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Mr. Michael O'Guin Knowledge Link 504 Kings Lake Drive McKinney, TX 75070

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CASE DON-NAVY-2014-006981

Dear Mr. O'Guin:

This is a final response to your June 6, 2014, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Your request is for the Source Selection Decision Memorandum and associated enclosures and attachments for contract N00024-14-C-5315.

I considered your request under the FOIA 10 U.S.C. 552, as amended, and Secretary of the Navy Instruction 5720.42F. After a careful review of documents responsive to your request, it was determined that the information you are seeking would not be releasable under exemptions (b) (3) and (b) (4) of the FOIA.

FOIA subsection (b)(3) protects matters which are exempt from disclosure by statute, provided that such statute either:
(1) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or (2) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of information to be withheld. In this instance, 41 U.S.C. 2102 prohibits release of certain procurement related proprietary and source selection information before the award of a procurement. The unclassified information is such source selection information.

FOIA subsection (b) (4) protects confidential business information, the disclosure of which would likely cause substantial competitive harm to the source or would impair the government's ability to obtain similar information in the future.

Since the documents you have requested are prohibited from public disclosure for the reasons stated above, I am denying your FOIA request.

I am the official responsible for the decision regarding your request. You may submit a written administrative appeal of my decision. If you decide to file an appeal of this denial, it must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Attach a copy of your initial request and a copy of this letter to the appeal and mark the appeal and the envelope Freedom of Information Act Appeal. Mail the original denial appeal to the Department of the Navy, Office of the General Counsel, ATTN: FOIA APPEALS, 1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532, Washington, DC 20350-1000. Attach a copy of your letter, to the COMMANDER, Naval Sea Systems Command (SEA COS5), 1333 Isaac Hull Ave SE, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20376-1021.

Fees for processing your request were minimal. Therefore there are no assessable fees associated with the processing of this request.

If you have questions regarding your request, please contact Ms. Ginger Dolan at (202) 781-3359.

Sincerely,

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